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ECDA TO HOST COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS THROUGHOUT KANKAKEE IN 2023

KANKAKEE, IL (February 23, 2023) – The Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) will begin hosting community conversations for the residents of Kankakee in the upcoming year. The gatherings will be held throughout the City of Kankakee to reach residents across the seven (7) wards. The community conversations will be on the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM from March through October 2023. With the gathering location changing each month, residents are encouraged to attend the date(s) and location(s) that best suit them.

The Economic and Community Development Agency receives state and federal grant funding to improve housing conditions throughout the City, improve City infrastructure, as well as create and improve business and economic opportunities. These community conversations will be hosted to build data and narratives from Kankakee residents to improve the ECDA grant programs. Information collected in these gatherings will help the Economic and Community Development Agency better advocate for funds that will benefit Kankakee residents and visitors. The ECDA will utilize these times to provide information related to available programming for Kankakee residents, as well as, collecting feedback on current and future programming.

The first community conversation is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM. This gathering will be held at the Morning Star Community Center, located at 525 N Harrison Avenue in Kankakee.

“These opportunities exist for residents to engage with one another and provide input about their neighborhoods,” says Community Outreach Coordinator Samantha Rocknowski. “We look forward to sharing information about resources the ECDA has to offer the community, as well as upcoming events happening around town.”

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About the Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA):

The Kankakee Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA) is a local government agency whose mission is to improve the lives of Kankakee residents and enhance the economic vitality of communities through housing, economic development and community development. The ECDA administers programs that serve the neighborhoods and residents of the City of Kankakee provided by federal, state and local funding. For more information, contact ECDA at 815-933-0506, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit our website at <https://ecda.citykankakee-il.gov/>.

About the City of Kankakee, Illinois:

The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.